

General Agriculture Degree Requirements

The general agriculture degree is designed for students searching for a well-rounded education that builds on the diversity of the other degree programs in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR). The flexibility of the general agriculture degree enables students to tailor a program to fit their individual interests and career goals. Students completing the program earn a Bachelor of Science in General Agriculture.

Students choose general agriculture for a variety of reasons. Some may enter the program with a specific career goal in mind. Others may choose general agriculture to obtain a broader education that will give them more flexibility.

Program Requirements

To complete the requirements for the General Agriculture degree, students must complete the requirements of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, as well as the University's general education and graduation requirements. These requirements include courses in communication, mathematics, physical and biological sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and humanistic studies and fine arts.

Students must complete three areas of concentration from CAFNR programs that offer a major or a minor. The primary concentration area requires completion of 18 or more credits. The two secondary concentration areas require at least 12 credits each.

- Credits used to meet the University's general education requirements can be used to meet requirements in concentration areas.
- Courses completed in the concentration areas cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a minor.
- The capstone experience can be a capstone course in a concentration area, an internship or an international experience.
- Within each concentration area, at least 50 percent of the credits must be earned at MU.

- No more than 6 credits in the primary concentration and 3 credits in the secondary concentrations may consist of problems, readings, internships, travel courses and other non-structured courses.
- A minimum of 42 credits, out of the 128 required for the degree, must be completed in courses offered by the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.
- The degree program must include a minimum of 24 credits in 2000-level or above courses; and an additional 24 credits in 3000-level or above courses.

Concentration Areas

In addition to the University's general education requirements and the College's graduation requirements, students must complete at least 18 credits in one of the following areas, and at least 12 credits in two additional areas.

- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Journalism
- Agricultural Leadership
- Agricultural Systems Management
- Animal Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Fisheries & Wildlife
- Food Science & Nutrition
- Forestry
- Hotel & Restaurant Management
- Natural Resources
- Parks, Recreation & Tourism
- Plant Sciences
- Rural Sociology
- Soil, Environmental and Atmospheric Sciences
- Sustainable Agriculture

Advising

The General Agriculture program is coordinated by the College's Academic Programs Office. A faculty member from the student's primary concentration area serves as the faculty advisor. In addition to helping students plan a program of study, faculty advisors provide support, encouragement and career guidance.